



Milwaukee County Youth Commission

Presentation



Youth Commission Purpose

The purpose of the Youth Commission is to provide young people in Milwaukee County with a unique experience in **community service**, **civic engagement**, and **policy and budget decision-making**

Functions, Powers & Duties:

Draft, adopt & amend governing bylaws

Receive program proposals from youth groups & allocate funds

Review policy & budget proposals that impact youth

Assess the effectiveness of County programs & services

Provide annual report of activities to the Board

Promote "Take a Child to Work Day"

Advise the County Board & County Executive

Source: [Resolution 22-662](#)



Vacant Youth Commission Representatives

The Youth Commission Selection Committee unanimously recommended four Youth Commissioners to fill vacant supervisory districts.

New Youth Commissioners

The Youth Commission Selection Committee unanimously requests that the Board confirm four Youth Commissioners.

District	Selected Candidate	Term
1	Aundrea-Claire Jones-Dixon	April 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027
6	Jonathan Foersterling	April 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027
8	Miles Braatz	April 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027
17	Ravneet Kaur	April 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027

Program Updates

Youth Commissioners are responsible for attending monthly full commission meetings as well as participating in monthly standing committee meetings.

2025 – 2026 Leadership & Support

Youth Commissioners attend monthly full commission meetings and participate in one of two established standing committees.

- The Youth Commission is led by two co-chairs, appointed by the County Executive and the Chairwoman. For the 2025 – 2026 program, Sarah Bruett was appointed by the Chairwoman and Sean Libal was appointed by the County Executive.
- The Governance, Finance, and Evaluation committee was led by Jhuablai Thao, Kyree Dunn, and Augie Baum.
- The Advocacy and Community Engagement committee was led by Eva Vang, Trinity Powell, and Emilio Ramirez.
- The Youth Commission receives support from five adult advisors including: Alderwoman Moore, Nichole Todd, Supervisor Vincent, Supervisor Roundtree, and Nicolasa Alamilla.
- Program staff now includes Project Management Interns Brody Kaminski, a previous Youth Commissioner, and Alivia Allen, a former County Executive Intern.

Program Accomplishments

- The Youth Commission unanimously approved a microgrant of \$35,000 to Pathfinders. In January, the Youth Commission organized a press conference to raise awareness of the Pathfinders work in Milwaukee County.
- The Youth Commission standing committees developed program year action plans that include committee mission, goals, and necessary activities to achieve committee goals.
- Annual review of the bylaws and an ongoing countywide survey to engage youth.
- Provided input on the Milwaukee County Future State recommendations.



2025 – 2026 Community Events

Youth Commissioners attend community events to connect with Milwaukee County youth, the Board of Supervisors, and the County Executive. In 2026, Youth Commissioners attended the following events.

- Sarah Bruett marched in the **Pride Parade** and was part of the team that introduced the County Executive at the **2026 State of the County**.
- Sarah Bruett, Aundrea-Claire Jones-Dixon, and Ravneet Kaur served as panelists in the Milwaukee County **Vision Celebration 2026** – What the Next Generation is Telling Us and Why We Should Listen event.
- Sean Libal, Aundrea-Claire Jones-Dixon, Jhuablai Thao, Ravneet Kaur, and Jonathan Foersterling marched in the **Juneteenth Day Parade**.
- Dallas Hortman-Garner, Sean Libal, Jhuablai Thao, Eva Vang, and Jonathan Foersterling attended and assisted at the **2026 Take a Child to Work Day** event.
- Sarah Bruett, Sean Libal, Kyree Dunn, Joselyn Garcia-Molohua, Trinity Powell, Eva Vang, and Jhuablai Thao attended the **Microgrant Press Conference** at Pathfinders.



Youth Commissioners Completing Program

Recognizing the Youth Commissioners who completed their service in 2026

Celebrating Youth Commissioners

The following Youth Commissioners will have completed their service in 2026.

District	Youth Commissioner	Term
Co-Chair	Sean Libal	January 2, 2026 – August 31, 2026 (final of 3 terms)
2	Dallas Hortman-Garner	September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026
3	Augie Baum	September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2026
4	Kennedy Slaasted	January 2, 2025 – August 31, 2026
9	Abhi Ghelani	January 2, 2025 – August 31, 2026
11	Sofia Linares	September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026
12	Elijah Sarsour	May 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026
13	Kyree Dunn	January 2, 2025 – August 31, 2026
14	Emilio Ramirez	September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026
18	Eva Vang	January 2, 2025 – August 31, 2026

2025 - 2026 Remaining Activities



Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony is on July 8 at 6:00 PM at Maric P. Coggs Health & Human Services. The Board and members of the public are invited to attend.

- The event will recognize the Youth Commissioners whose terms end in August
- Adult Advisors and program staff will also be recognized

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Priorities for end of year

The Youth Commission will complete the following priorities by the end of the year:

- Recruit for districts 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 18.
- Approve up to \$35,000 of funds to support the identified policy areas of youth experiencing housing instability, youth wellness, and youth civic engagement.
- Support the 2026 Health Equity Champion Awards.
- Provide recommendations during the 2027 Milwaukee County Budget process.

Closing

Time for Q&A.